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FOR: LAMINATE AND ITS
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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A laminate which comprises a substrate, and a titanium oxide layer, a metal layer and a titanium oxide layer laminated alternately in this order on the substrate in $(2n + 1)$ layers (wherein n is a positive integer), wherein an interlayer having a refractive index of less than 2.4 at a wavelength of 550 nm is interposed at at least one interlaminar boundary between the titanium oxide layer and the metal layer, wherein each interlayer

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